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DPI to hold hearing on rules for awarding nursing services grants

MADISON—The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction will conduct a hearing from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, in Room 041 of the GEF 3 Building, 125 South Webster Street, Madison, to take public testimony on emergency and proposed permanent rules related to grants for school nursing services.

The proposed rules establish specific guidelines for awarding \$250,000 annually in nursing services grants. Specifically, grants will be awarded based on greatest need such as the ratio of students to nurses, rate of chronic health problems among students, and number of students from low-income families. Recipients may not supplant existing nursing staff or services and must submit a report to the department on use and effectiveness of the grant in providing additional nursing services to students. In early February, the department used emergency rules for the nursing services grant program to award six grants for the 2007-08 school year.

The hearing site is fully accessible to people with disabilities. A copy of the administrative rules and fiscal estimate are available at <http://dpi.wi.gov/pb/rulespg.html>. Copies of these materials also are available by sending an e-mail request to lori.slauson@dpi.wi.gov or by writing to Lori Slauson, administrative rules and federal grants coordinator, DPI, 125 South Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841.

Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted via U.S. mail or e-mail to the addresses above no later than Feb. 27. Following the hearing, the department will consider all testimony from the hearing and submitted in writing in deciding changes to the proposed rules before submitting them to the Legislature.

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NOTE: This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_34.pdf. Information about the six nursing services grants awarded in early February is available at http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpi2008_24.pdf.